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To Whom it May Concern,

As a Captain on the Boeing 767/757 that is flown both domestically and internationally, I am opposed to the extension of ETOP's to 207 minutes. Although modern engines have demonstrated remarkable reliability, this reliability is useless when, not if, a problem occurs at such a far distance

in both miles and time. At a single engine speed from a mid point of the NAT, one would be able to reach either coast. This sounds fine on paper but throw in the vagaries of the weather and other problems associated with an engine problem and it will increase and already stressed operation.

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Titanic was unsinkable! Modern engines and equipment does fail. Why decrease the safety of our airline operations for a relatively small increase in revenue?

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